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ALAMEDA

A cystic fibrosis care, research and teaching center is being established at Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland, as a result of a grant from the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

The foundation has allocated \$18,000 to cover patient care, research, and education of patients, physicians and nurses during the first year.

The hospital had received an additional \$6,000 from the foundation in the early winter to use for preliminary work in planning the center.

The center's staff, which will utilize Children's Hospital's personnel, will work in conjunction with the local cystic fibrosis chapters to help patients who cannot afford the necessary treatments to obtain equipment and care.

IMPERIAL

Dr. Merle E. Smith has been appointed health officer of Imperial County, succeeding Dr. Burke Schoensee who had held the post on an interim appointment since the resignation of Dr. Paul O'Rourke last year. The new health officer previously was director of the Coconino County Department of Health in Arizona.

LOS ANGELES

Three members of the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Medicine have received grants totalling some \$70,000 from the American Cancer Society in support of research on cancer cells.

Dr. Don H. Nelson, associate professor of medicine, was awarded \$44,498 for investigations of the production of hormones by cancerous adrenal glands.

A \$22,050 grant went to Dr. Leon Cole, assistant clinical professor of medicine, for studies on immunization of mice against cancer, and one of \$6,904 to support research by Dr. Paul Starr, emeritus professor of medicine, on thyroid cancer.

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Dr. Charles I. Barron, medical director of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, was elected president-elect of the Aerospace Medical Association at the organization's recent annual meeting in Atlantic City.

The California Medical Association's nonprofit subsidiary, the **Audio-Digest Foundation**, has just released to the medical profession a library of more than 250 one-hour tape recordings devoted to comprehensive and penetrating discussions of everyday office problems.

According to the foundation's medical board, the 1962 catalog makes available to the individual physicians, hospitals, and clinics, ideal program and teaching material in six specialty areas: Anesthesiology, obstetrics-gynecology, surgery, internal medicine, pediatrics and general practice. A number of tapes also focus on the basic sciences, cancer, psychiatry, gastroenterology, cardiology, arthritis, geriatrics and hematology.

Copies of the new catalog may be obtained by writing the foundation at 619 S. Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles 57, California.

SAN FRANCISCO

Announcement of the opening of competition for the **William J. and Dorothy Fish Kerr Award** of \$500 for the best original observation relative to diagnosis and treatment in the clinical field of cardiovascular disease was made recently by the San Francisco Heart Association. Competition is open to any medical student, intern, resident or fellow in any hospital in the counties contiguous with San Francisco Bay who has less than five years' postgraduate experience.

The application must submit a written description of the observation he has made and along with it a supporting letter from the chief of the hospital service in which it was made, both to be directed to Charles A. Noble, M.D., chairman, awards committee, San Francisco Heart Association, 259 Geary Street, San Francisco 2.

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Dr. Paul J. Sanazaro, associate professor of medicine, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, has been appointed head of the new educational division of the Association of American Medical Colleges, according to an announcement by Dr. Ward Darley, executive director of the Association.

The division will have as one of its goals that of delving into patterns of teaching and learning as applied to medical education. The information and data thus gained will be distributed to all medical colleges through forums and seminars and the association's publication, *Journal of Medical Education*, Dr. Darley said.

SANTA CLARA

Dr. Norman B. Nelson, dean of the State University of Iowa College of Medicine, has accepted appointment as **medical director of Santa Clara County Hospital**. A graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, the new medical director was chairman of the department of public health there before going to Iowa. Earlier he was chief epidemiologist for the Los Angeles County Health Department.